

NO BOYCOTT YET ON HOMESTEAD.

The Federation Executive Council Thinks an Order Isn't Necessary, BUT IT MAY COME LATER.

Dissatisfaction Among the Finishers Over the Scale.

They Claim They Were Not Fairly Represented on the Committee, and May Refuse to Go to Work—They Figure a Cut of 25 Per Cent in Their Wages—Product of the Homestead Mill Considered Poor and Unmarketable—A Big Mass Meeting This Afternoon for Laid-Off Men.

The scheduled quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor was held at the Duquesne Hotel yesterday instead of Homestead. No reason was given for the change in programme, and the people up the river were much disappointed.

The Council decided to meet in Pittsburgh on account of the importance of the Homestead trouble. The members of the board went into session at 9 o'clock in the morning and were busy until 10 o'clock last night.

The members present were President Samuel Gompers, Secretary Chris Evans, John B. Lennon, Secretary of the Tailors' Union, all of New York; P. J. McGuire, President of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, Philadelphia, and Vice President W. A. Carney, of the Amalgamated Association.

Deceased the Trouble at Homestead. Some business concerning the trades which Mr. Gompers said would not interest the public was first transacted and then the council took up the Homestead affair.

President Weibe, President-elect Garland, Hugh O'Donnell, Burgess McLuckie and all the members of the Advisory Board headed by Acting Chairman Jack Crawford were called into the conference. The situation at Homestead in all its details and bearings was thoroughly discussed. After listening to reports and suggestions all day, the following statement was prepared and read to the DispatcH man by P. J. McGuire last night.

After a thorough investigation and review of the situation in connection with the Carnegie mills and after conference with President Weibe and other officials of the Amalgamated Association, and on consultation with the Advisory Board of the Homestead men, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor do not deem it necessary at present to issue any general boycott on the Carnegie products, for these reasons:

The Reasons for Holding Off.

The amount of work now turned out in the Carnegie mills is of such a trifling and insignificant character that it would be a sheer waste of time to have been made the subject of a general boycott. The small amount of product made is so inferior that it is hardly marketable, and will result in a greater loss of trade to the Carnegie Company than it would to the Federation. It is not necessary to issue a general order in the future to let Carnegie's products alone, we will not hesitate to do so, notwithstanding the threats of the firm to use the conspiracy laws against us. The members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor are not to be swayed from their path of duty by threats of that kind, for the majority of them before strike at Homestead are giving a full and sincere fight for the rights of American citizens in suits of conspiracy instituted by corporations of conspiring capitalists.

Be it further known to the American people in general that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor is declining to issue a general boycott at this time does not prevent all sympathizers with the struggling toilers at Homestead from refusing to create structural iron or steel, nails and other products of Carnegie mills wherever they locally feel inclined to do so. And at the same time every dollar of financial aid which can be raised should be given to help the struggle of brawn and brain, muscle and heart against the cold-blooded, grasping avarice of well-protected manufacturers. To secure financial aid in connection with the struggle, the Executive Council is now engaged in circulating circulars, which will be issued to-morrow, calling on organized labor and the American public for funds to sustain the men on strike at Homestead and giving a full and sincere account of the facts in connection with the Homestead strike.

Open Meeting at Homestead To-Day.

Outside of the statement made to-day, Gompers would say nothing. The council will meet the Advisory Board at Homestead this afternoon, and then the open meeting, to which everybody is invited, will be held. Addresses will be made by all the members of the Executive Council, and other labor leaders. The council will return to the Duquesne in the evening, when the circular to be issued will be prepared and given to THE DISPATCH for publication. All Amalgamated men were admitted to the conference yesterday, and Jerry Dugherly was a frequent visitor to parlor F, where the gathering took place.

Hugh O'Donnell, Burgess McLuckie and T. H. Brown, after they had made their report, started to Boston to address a labor meeting to-night. They will appeal for funds to sustain the men at Homestead. Since the trouble Mr. Brown has demonstrated that he is a good talker and able to take care of himself before a large crowd. McLuckie has already made a reputation for his rough and ready eloquence. They were given a good send-off by their brethren at Homestead.

They May Be Gone Some Time.

Just when Messrs. McLuckie, O'Donnell and Brown will return to Homestead it is difficult to say. According to the present programme, the Board of the Federation extended tour through New England. The Advisory Board is confident that a dozen speeches by McLuckie will go a great way toward inducing the workings of the East to subscribe liberally to the Homestead relief fund.

Hugh O'Donnell had much to say. He

wasn't sure whether he would return at once, or continue to make speeches in the East. He laughed at the numerous stories told about his movements. He is looking remarkably well and said he never felt better in his life.

W. J. Brennan, the attorney for the association, was on the train. He was going to New York, he stated, to try to get a pardon for somebody. He wanted it understood that his journey to the metropolis had nothing to do with the Homestead affair.

Any politics in my visit," he said, with a smile, and repeated the question. "Well, I would hardly go to New York without calling on Harrity."

Brennan thinks there is great Democratic campaign material in the Pittsburgh labor troubles, and he will load up the wily Harrity for future use.

DON'T LIKE THE SCALE.

FINISHERS DISSATISFIED WITH THE REDUCTION.

Claim That It Means a Cut of 25 Instead of 10 Per Cent in Their Wages—A General Meeting to Be Called—They May Have to Submit.

The scale question is not altogether settled yet. There is some dissatisfaction among the men as well as the manufacturer. The finishers are not all pleased with the result of the conference, and question the authority of the committee to make the concession granted. They claim that the reduction is more radical than is generally understood, and that the representation of the finishers on the conference committee was not what it should have been.

Meetings were held yesterday afternoon by the local committee of the men working in the Clinton, Palster, Oliver's Tenth and Fifteenth street mills and Jones & Laughlin's mill. The situation was discussed, but no action was taken. It was thought best to proceed carefully and not do anything without first fully considering the move. The meeting adjourned to meet with all of the South-side lodges this afternoon at 2 o'clock to prepare for a general meeting of the district in the evening at which the subject will be discussed and the feeling of every man obtained before any more action is taken. Not a few of the men were ready to go to work yesterday morning, but the intelligence imparted by the Conference Committee that the scale agreed upon was not only a general reduction of 10 per cent, but also took 25 cents off billets changed their determination and they returned home.

Wouldn't Go to Work at Palster's.

J. Palster Sons Company were all in order to commence rolling this morning but their men would not return to work. They will begin to return on Monday.

Philipp Nimmick & Co. expect to commence operations Monday but one of the members of the firm said he did not expect one-half the men to turn out. A. M. Rivers & Co. will also endeavor to resume Monday.

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